

**MINUTES OF THE REGULAR MEETING OF THE
MISSION VALLEY PLANNING GROUP**

June 04, 2014

MEMBERS PRESENT

Deborah Bossmeyer
Paul Brown
John Carson
Gina Cord
Bob Cummings
Perry Dealy
Randall Dolph
Robert Doherty
Alan Grant
Elizabeth Leventhal
John Nugent
Karen Ruggels
Marco Sessa
Dottie Surdi
Josh Weiselberg

MEMBERS ABSENT

Jason Broad
John LaRaia
Alex Plishner

GUESTS

Alan Brunet
Doug Ceresia
Cindy Eldred
Tim Gabrielson
Arleen Garcia-Herbst
Richard Goror
Matthew Guillory
Camilla Hurd
Richard Hurd
Rob Hutsel
Kathy Lippitt
Jeremy Ogul
Jim Penner
Keith Pittsford
Diana Roger
Jan Sachs
Tracey Scott
Michael Stonehouse
Rick Tarbell
Rick Wilson

FEDERAL REP'S STAFF

Jonathan Hardy

CITY STAFF

Theresa Clark
Anthony George
Lesley Henegar
Adam McElroy
Ryley Webb

COUNTY STAFF

ASSEMBLY STAFF

President Dottie Surdi called the regular meeting of the Mission Valley Planning Group (MVPG) to order at 12:06 p.m. at the Mission Valley Library Community Room located at 2123 Fenton Parkway, San Diego, CA.

A. CALL TO ORDER

Verify Quorum: 15 members were present, constituting a quorum.

B. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE – Bob Cummings led the Pledge of Allegiance.

C. INTRODUCTIONS / OPENING REMARKS/ AGENDA CHANGE

Dottie Surdi welcomed everyone to the meeting and reminded those present to sign the sign in sheets.

Guests introduced themselves.

D. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Gina Cord moved to approve the minutes of the May 07, 2014 regular meeting. Bob Cummings seconded the motion. Minutes were approved 13 – 0 –2, with Paul Brown and Karen Ruggels abstaining.

E. PUBLIC INPUT – NON-AGENDA ITEMS

1. Alan Brunet from the Rotary Club of Mission Valley Sunset spoke on behalf of the club, which meets Wednesdays at 5:30 PM at the Crown Plaza Hotel. The club is seeking service projects in the Mission Valley area. For further information and contact:

<http://portal.clubrunner.ca/10128/>

2. John Carson reported that he and Dottie Surdi attended the public safety town hall meeting on May 27, 2014 in Linda Vista where San Diego Police Chief Shelley Zimmerman answered questions and took feedback directly from local residents. The meeting was coordinated by Councilmember Scott Sherman for residents of City Council District 7 — including the communities of Linda Vista, Mission Valley, Serra Mesa, Tierrasanta, Allied Gardens, Grantville, Del Cerro and San Carlos — to discuss ways to improve public safety.

F. MEMBERSHIP BUSINESS

John Nugent introduced Jim Penner who will be nominated at the July meeting to fill the position of property owner representing Morris Cerullo World Evangelism/Mission Valley Resort.

John Nugent introduced Rick Tarbell and nominated him to fill the position of Property Owner with a term ending March 2016. Rick is representing the River Walk Golf Club.

John Nugent moved to approve the nomination of Rick Tarbell to fill the position of Property Owner with a term ending March 2016, representing the River Walk Golf Club. Perry Dealy seconded the motion. Nomination was approved 15 – 0 –0.

John Nugent reported on the remaining Board membership open positions:

Local Businessperson -term ending March 2016

Resident--term ending March 2016

Local Businessperson -term ending March 2018

Resident--term ending March 2018

G. TREASURER'S REPORT

Bob Doherty reported a balance of \$1,414.43.

H. PUBLIC SAFETY REPORTS

1. Police Department – Officer Adam McElroy

Officer McElroy reviewed the recent crime statistics indicating that property crimes were down about 10% for the month.

Officer McElroy discussed the relocation of some SDPD personnel, which were assigned to SDSU, being reassigned for the summer in Mission Valley. He reported on the donation of and some police bikes, with lights and sirens to the San Diego police Department. Some of the patrol officers on bikes are being assigned to the Mission Valley.

Officer McElroy encouraged members to sign up for “Nextdoor”, the private social network for neighborhoods as a crime prevention tool and neighbor watch program.

Officer McElroy answered questions regarding the cost and maintenance of the new police bikes and the switch of police cars from Crown Victoria's to Ford Explorers.

Fire Department – No report.

I. GOVERNMENTAL STAFF REPORTS

1. Mayor's Office

Anthony George reported that the FY 2015 city budget, effective July 1, 2015, will be voted on by the City Council next week. In the budget are water and sewer line infrastructure improvements for Mission Valley, as well as, \$275,000 to start the Mission Valley Plan Update.

There were some questions regarding monies in Mayor Kevin Faulconer's budget for the recruitment and retention of police officers.

Council Office-District 7-

Due to a prior commitment the report from Ryley Webb on Council Office-District 7-Councilmember Scott Sherman was moved up on the agenda. Ryley Webb reported on a meeting with the Director of City Planning, Bill Fulton, regarding the Mission Valley Community Plan Update. The Community Plan Update will span three fiscal years.

Ryley discussed the success of the I Love A Clean San Diego event at Qualcomm Stadium on Saturday May 10, 2014 as part of San Diego River Days.

2. State Representatives

a. Senate Member's Office – Sen. Marty Block from the 39th Senate District 1

b. Assembly Member's Office – Shirley Weber from the 79th Assembly District
George Gastil was not present. No report.

3. Federal Representatives

a. Congresswoman Susan Davis' Office --

Jonathan Hardy distributed the latest "Davis Dispatch", asked for feedback, including a questioner that he distributed, on a bill in the House of Representatives that would end door to door mail delivery and would move some neighborhood mail delivery to cluster boxes.

Jonathan reported that he was leaving the Congresswoman's Office and a new staff member would be appointed as the MVPG liaison.

b. Congressman Scott Peters' Office – Sarah Czarrecki was not present. No report.

J. NEW BUSINESS

1. SDPD Homeless Outreach Team (HOT)- Sergeant Theresa Clark-information item

Sergeant Theresa Clark, the recently appointed head of the HOT team, introduced some of the members of her team and spoke on the mission and activities of the team.

The Homeless Outreach Team (HOT) together with the Psychiatric Emergency Response Team (PERT) provide outreach and engagement services throughout the City of San Diego. They are the City's initial point of contact with both chronic homeless and chronic inebriates living on the streets. Each HOT Team is composed of police officers, County psychiatric clinicians and County Mental Health eligibility technicians. The Teams seek out and engage chronically homeless persons and, for those who are willing, place them in housing linked with appropriate services. The San Diego Police Department, along with Community Services provide direct financial support by funding the law enforcement officers in this program.

The Serial Inebriate Program (SIP) is offered to chronically homeless, substance dependent people who have been arrested. Each of these programs offers offenders an opportunity to participate in treatment, sober-living environments as an alternative to incarceration as well as access to emergency room care, transitional housing or long-term care.

Teams work together to assess the homeless person's problems, and identify how to help them from a range of solutions. Whether their homelessness has been caused by loss of income, psychological problems, substance abuse, lack of job training, or other problems, multiple options are available to assist each person. This approach not only provides short-term answers but also develops permanent solutions.

The teams provide care, resources and assistance to approximately 700 individuals per year.

For further information see:

<http://www.sandiego.gov/homeless-services/programs/hot.shtml>

Sergeant Theresa Clark can be contacted by email at:

taclark@pd.sandiego.gov

There were questions regarding funding, staffing and how the MVPG could support the efforts of the SDPD Homeless Outreach Team.

Josh Weiselberg moved that a letter be sent to Mayor Kevin Faulconer, San Diego Police Chief Shelley Zimmerman and Councilmember Scott Sherman asking for an increase in the San Diego Police Department Homeless Outreach Teams budget to address the Mission Valley chronic homelessness problem. Elizabeth Leventhal seconded the motion. Motion was approved 15 – 0 –0.

2. Levi/Cushman Specific Plan/River Park Golf Club-Richard Ledford-Information Item

Richard Ledford, President of Ledford Enterprises, and a member of the The Steve Alexander Group, introduced Matthew Witte, President of Related California.

For more info on Related see: <http://www.related.com/our-company/CorporateInfo.aspx>

Matthew Witte reviewed the original Levi/Cushman Specific Plan which was approved by the City of San Diego City Council Resolution Number R269106 on August 11, 1987

The original Levi/Cushman Specific Plan proposed a mixed use (residential, retail, office and hotel) development on approximately 200 acres of land on the channeled San Diego River on land now leased to the River Park Golf Club in the Mission Valley area of San Diego.

In December 1988 a Development Agreement with Chevron Land, the Levi family, Ruth Schulman, Steve Cushman and Cushman and the City of San Diego was approved.

The Development Agreement contractually bound the City to allow the Levi/Cushman Specific Plan to go forward if it were started within 20 years. That agreement expired in December 2008. No development ever began. Therefore, future plans to develop the site have to start from scratch.

For further information on the original plan see:

<http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/profiles/missionvalley/pdf/plans/lcfull.pdf>
<http://www.sandiego.gov/planning/community/profiles/missionvalley/pdf/plans/lcimplementationfull.pdf>

Matthew Witte reported that Related California has been selected as the company to design a new Master Plan for the site. He reported that they are in the very early stages of planning. Based on current discussions Phase One would be on the north portion of the property between Friars Road and the trolley line that runs through the property. This phase may include a new trolley stop in the area where Via Las Cumbres would intersect with the trolley if the road continued from Friars Road onto the property and ended at the trolley line. Phase Two would be between the trolley line and the San Diego River and Phase Three would be between the San Diego River and Hotel Circle North. Development would be mixed use but mainly residential and would incorporate a public

park. The area around the San Diego River would be developed per the recently adopted San Diego River Park Master Plan. Development would occur over the next ten to fifteen years.

There were comments and questions regarding:

- Developing the San Diego River Trail in Phase One so the public could have access to the river.
- As a community service, developing the San Diego River Trail from the west end of the property, behind the Courtyards and Presidio Place Condominiums, to the proposed bridge at the YMCA. The already approved pedestrian/bike bridge over the San Diego River, at the YMCA, will connect with Sefton Field and the existing south San Diego River Trail which ends at Ocean Beach. This would allow for a connected San Diego River Trail through all of Mission Valley, from the ocean to Qualcomm Stadium.
- Whether some of the golf course could remain while developing only part of the property.
- Whether, as in the original plan, Via Las Cumbres would be extended from Friars Road to Hotel Circle North
- Whether the development would be pedestrian orientated
- The type of residential units that might be proposed

K. OLD BUSINESS

1. City Planning Update

Lesley Henegar, City Senior Planner, reported that Brian Schoenfisch has been promoted and that a new City Planner will be hired for the Mission Valley area.

Lesley Henegar reported that the traffic studies initiated by The City of San Diego's proposed amendment to the Serra Mesa Community Plan for the purposes of adding a road connection between the internal roads in the Civita (Quarry Falls) development in Mission Valley and Phyllis Place in Serra Mesa are completed and the report is due out shortly.

2. Council Office-District 7- Councilmember Scott Sherman

See report under Mayor's Report agenda item.

3. Subcommittee Reports

a. Design Advisory Board

Randall Dolph reported that the Committee did not meet but there are projects in the pipeline that should be before the committee soon.

b. Stadium Committee

Randall Dolph is continuing to monitor the news stories regarding plans for the Qualcomm stadium site.

c. San Diego River Coalition

Alan Grant reported on the success of the San Diego River Days programs.

There was no meeting in May. An agenda for the June meeting has not been announced.

d. Community Planners Committee (CPC)

Dottie Surdi attended the meeting and will send out the minutes when she receives them. Dottie asked for a volunteer to be her alternate to the meetings when she is not able to attend, including the June 2014 meeting.

e. Parks Subcommittee

Jason Broad was not present- no report

f. Uptown Regional Bike Corridor Advisory Group

A volunteer is being sought to chair the subcommittee.

g. Public Health, Safety and Welfare

Elizabeth L Leventhal thanked the SDPD Hot Team for their presentation and MVPG for the letter of support for the HOT team that was approved by the Board.

Elizabeth reported that Proposition 41, the Veterans Housing and Homeless Prevention Bond Act of 2014, passed with 68% of the vote.

4. Miscellaneous Mail

Dottie Surdi reported that notice has been received on the proposed medical marijuana dispensary for Mission Valley and it will be on a future MVPG agenda.

5. Miscellaneous Items

There were no items

L. ADJOURNMENT – There being no further business to be brought before the Committee, the meeting was adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

The next meeting will be on Wednesday, July 09, 2014 at 12:00 p.m. at the Mission Valley Library, Community Room.

John Nugent, Secretary